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Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following publications:

1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 10-197543.
2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 10-206443.
3. "Statistical and Structural Approaches to Texture", Robert M. Haralick, Proceedings of the IEEE, Vol. 67, No. 5, May 1979, pages 786-804.
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9. "Image Velocity Estimation from Trajectory Surface in Spatiotemporal Space", Kazuhiro Otsuka et al., 1997 IEEE Computer Society Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 17-19, 1997, pages 200-205.

10. "Precipitation Forecast Based on Segmentation of Radar Echo Motion Field", Kazuhiro Otsuka et al., 28th Conference on Radar Meteorology, American Meteorological Society, September 1997, pages 218-219.

11. "Feature Extraction of Temporal Texture based on Spatiotemporal Motion Trajectory", Kazuhiro Otsuka et al., IAPR International Conference pattern Recognition (ICPR '98), August 1998.

These publications are listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

It is requested that these references be considered and made of record herein.

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The reference 1) is cited on page 2 of the specification.

The references 2) and 3) are cited on page 4 of the specification.

The references 4) and 5) are cited on page 6 of the specification. These references 4) and 5) were laid-open after the priority date of this application.

English abstracts of these references 4) and 5) are not readily available.

The references 6) and 7) are cited on page 9 of the specification.

The reference 8) is cited on page 10 of the specification.

The references 9)-11) are the works of the present inventors.

It is thought that the subject matter of the present invention recited in the claims of this application is not shown or suggested in the above references 1)-11). More particularly, the references 1)-11) do not seem to show or suggest a method and an equipment which acquires the motion trajectory of the image contour of the target and measures the temporal features and the spatial features of the image as done in the present invention.